

The previous question was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5 of rule I, further proceedings on this question are postponed until later today.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 14 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair. The bells will be rung 15 minutes prior to reconvening.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HULSHOF) at 4 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.

WAIVING REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 4(b) OF RULE XI WITH RESPECT TO SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of agreeing to the resolution, House Resolution 414, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 211, nays 196, not voting 25, as follows:

[Roll No. 120]

YEAS—211

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| Aderholt | Canady | English |
| Archer | Cannon | Ensign |
| Armey | Castle | Everett |
| Bachus | Chabot | Ewing |
| Baker | Chambliss | Foley |
| Ballenger | Chenoweth | Forbes |
| Barr | Christensen | Fossella |
| Barrett (NE) | Coble | Fowler |
| Bartlett | Coburn | Fox |
| Barton | Collins | Franks (NJ) |
| Bass | Combest | Frelinghuysen |
| Bereuter | Cook | Gallely |
| Bilbray | Cooksey | Ganske |
| Bilirakis | Cox | Gekas |
| Blunt | Crane | Gibbons |
| Boehlert | Cubin | Gilchrest |
| Boehner | Cunningham | Gillmor |
| Bonilla | Davis (VA) | Gilman |
| Bono | DeVal | Goodlatte |
| Brady | DeLay | Goodling |
| Bryant | Diaz-Balart | Goss |
| Burr | Dickey | Graham |
| Burton | Doolittle | Granger |
| Buyer | Dreier | Gutknecht |
| Callahan | Duncan | Hansen |
| Calvert | Ehlers | Hastert |
| Camp | Ehrlich | Hastings (WA) |
| Campbell | Emerson | Hayworth |

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| Hefley | McInnis | Sanford |
| Herger | McIntosh | Saxton |
| Hill | McKeon | Scarborough |
| Hilleary | Metcalf | Schaffer, Bob |
| Hobson | Mica | Sessions |
| Hoekstra | Miller (FL) | Shadegg |
| Horn | Moran (KS) | Shaw |
| Hostettler | Morella | Shays |
| Houghton | Myrick | Shimkus |
| Hulshof | Nethercutt | Shuster |
| Hunter | Neumann | Skeen |
| Hutchinson | Ney | Smith (NJ) |
| Hyde | Northup | Smith (TX) |
| Inglis | Norwood | Smith, Linda |
| Istook | Nussle | Snowbarger |
| Jenkins | Oxley | Solomon |
| Johnson (CT) | Packard | Souder |
| Jones | Pappas | Spence |
| Kasich | Paul | Stearns |
| Kelly | Paxon | Stump |
| Kim | Pease | Sununu |
| King (NY) | Peterson (PA) | Talent |
| Kingston | Petri | Tauzin |
| Klug | Pickering | Taylor (NC) |
| Knollenberg | Pitts | Thomas |
| Kolbe | Pombo | Thornberry |
| LaHood | Porter | Thune |
| Largent | Portman | Tiahrt |
| Latham | Pryce (OH) | Upton |
| LaTourette | Quinn | Walsh |
| Lazio | Ramstad | Wamp |
| Leach | Redmond | Watkins |
| Lewis (CA) | Regula | Watts (OK) |
| Lewis (KY) | Riggs | Weldon (FL) |
| Linder | Riley | Weller |
| Livingston | Rogan | White |
| LoBiondo | Rogers | Whitfield |
| Lucas | Rohrabacher | Wicker |
| Manzullo | Ros-Lehtinen | Wolf |
| McCullum | Roukema | Young (AK) |
| McCrery | Royce | Young (FL) |
| McDade | Ryun | |
| McHugh | Salmon | |

NAYS—196

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| Abercrombie | Fattah | Martinez |
| Ackerman | Fazio | Mascara |
| Allen | Filner | Matsui |
| Andrews | Ford | McCarthy (MO) |
| Baessler | Frank (MA) | McCarthy (NY) |
| Baldacci | Frost | McDermott |
| Barcia | Furse | McGovern |
| Barrett (WI) | Gejdenson | McHale |
| Becerra | Gephardt | McIntyre |
| Bentsen | Goode | McKinney |
| Berman | Gordon | McNulty |
| Berry | Green | Meeks (NY) |
| Bishop | Gutierrez | Menendez |
| Blagojevich | Hall (OH) | Millender |
| Blumenauer | Hamilton | McDonald |
| Bonior | Harman | Minge |
| Borski | Hastings (FL) | Mink |
| Boswell | Hefner | Moakley |
| Boucher | Hilliard | Mollohan |
| Boyd | Hinchey | Moran (VA) |
| Brown (CA) | Hinojosa | Murtha |
| Brown (FL) | Holden | Nadler |
| Brown (OH) | Hooley | Neal |
| Capps | Hoyer | Oberstar |
| Cardin | Jackson (IL) | Obey |
| Carson | Jackson-Lee | Olver |
| Clay | (TX) | Ortiz |
| Clayton | Jefferson | Owens |
| Clement | John | Pallone |
| Clyburn | Johnson (WI) | Pascarell |
| Condit | Johnson, E. B. | Pastor |
| Conyers | Kanjorski | Payne |
| Costello | Kennedy (MA) | Pelosi |
| Coyne | Kennedy (RI) | Peterson (MN) |
| Cramer | Kildee | Pickett |
| Cummings | Kilpatrick | Pomeroy |
| Danner | Kind (WI) | Poshard |
| Davis (FL) | Kleczka | Price (NC) |
| Davis (IL) | Klink | Rahall |
| DeGette | Kucinich | Rangel |
| Delahunt | LaFalce | Reyes |
| DeLauro | Lampson | Rivers |
| Deutsch | Lantos | Rodriguez |
| Dicks | Lee | Roemer |
| Dingell | Levin | Rothman |
| Doggett | Lewis (GA) | Roybal-Allard |
| Dooley | Lipinski | Rush |
| Doyle | Lofgren | Sabo |
| Edwards | Lowey | Sanchez |
| Engel | Luther | Sanders |
| Eshoo | Maloney (CT) | Sawyer |
| Etheridge | Maloney (NY) | Schumer |
| Evans | Manton | Scott |
| Farr | Markey | Serrano |

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| Sherman | Strickland | Velazquez |
| Sisisky | Stupak | Vento |
| Skaggs | Tanner | Visclosky |
| Skelton | Tauscher | Waters |
| Slaughter | Taylor (MS) | Watt (NC) |
| Smith, Adam | Thompson | Waxman |
| Snyder | Thurman | Wexler |
| Spratt | Tierney | Weygand |
| Stabenow | Torres | Wise |
| Stark | Towns | Woolsey |
| Stenholm | Trafigant | Wynn |
| Stokes | Turner | Yates |

NOT VOTING—25

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| Bateman | Greenwood | Radanovich |
| Bliley | Hall (TX) | Sandlin |
| Bunning | Johnson, Sam | Schaefer, Dan |
| Crapo | Kaptur | Sensenbrenner |
| DeFazio | Kennelly | Smith (MI) |
| Dixon | Meehan | Smith (OR) |
| Dunn | Meek (FL) | Weldon (PA) |
| Fawell | Miller (CA) | |
| Gonzalez | Parker | |

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Mr. RANGEL changed his vote from "yea" to "nay."

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 1872, COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE COMPETITION AND PRIVATIZATION ACT

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I want to make a very important statement which will concern airplanes taking off this evening, if we can get some quiet.

Mr. Speaker, I have three announcements to make. The first is, we are about to take up the rule on the supplemental. We realize that Members are trying to catch planes and to leave, and there is not a vote expected on the rule. It is mandatory that there be a vote on the supplemental under the Rules of the House.

If we can shorten the debate on the rule and then go directly, without a vote, to the supplemental, we should be out of here so that most Members will be accommodated.

Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Rules will meet next Tuesday, May 5, to grant a rule which will limit the amendments to be offered to H.R. 1872, the Communications Satellite Competition and Privatization Act.

The rule may include a provision requiring amendments to be preprinted in the amendment section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Rules is also planning to meet during the week of May 4 to grant a rule for consideration of H.R. 3694, and that is the Intelligence Authorization bill for Fiscal Year 1999.

The Chairman of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence has requested a rule which would require that amendments be preprinted in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. If this request is granted, amendments to be preprinted would need to be signed by the Member and submitted at the Speaker's table. The amendments would still need to be consistent with

House rules but would be given no special protection by being printed.

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. SOLOMON. I am glad to yield to the gentleman from Florida, chairman of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the distinguished gentleman from New York for yielding. As chairman of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, I would like to advise all Members that we hope that the authorization bill which has now been marked up will be brought forward next week, subject to a rule.

I would like to advise Members that there is a procedure for any Member who would like to look at the material in that legislation to contact the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence staff, and arrangements can be made for Members to review classified material.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON HR. 3579, 1998 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND RESCISSIONS ACT

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 416 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 416

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 3579) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes. All points of order against the conference report and against its consideration are waived. The conference report shall be considered as read.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from New York (Mr. SOLOMON) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, for the purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. HALL), my good friend, pending which I yield myself such time as I might consume. During the consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purposes of debate only.

Mr. Speaker, this resolution is a customary rule for the consideration of conference reports. The rule waives all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 3579, which makes emergency supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 1998, and against its consideration. The rule also provides that the conference report would be considered as read.

Mr. Speaker, passage of this rule would provide much-needed funding to thousands of disaster areas around this Nation as well as crucial funding for our Nation's defense. The conference report responsibly provides resources for our military operations in Southwest Asia and in Bosnia to ensure that our men and women in uniform have

the best equipment and resources that money can buy.

Furthermore, the conference report also provides for \$179 million for the Ballistic Missile Defense Program.

The conference report also includes crucial paid-for funds for the disaster areas in the northeast who were burdened by heavy ice storms earlier this year, for the Southeast and Plains States devastated by tornados, floods, and other natural disasters, and also for the Southwestern and Western States that were hit by El Nino weather disasters.

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Mr. Speaker, in my part of the country, up in upper State New York, we were hit hard by an ice storm that literally wiped out power and energy to residents for as long as 2 and even 3 weeks. Passage of this bill today will ensure that all of these areas will receive this much-needed relief.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, this conference report provides much-needed increases for veterans' compensation and pensions to prevent any expected shortfalls in this important account.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to say that the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. LIVINGSTON), the chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, and the members of the Committee on Appropriations certainly are to be commended for their vigorous defense of the House's position that this supplemental not include funding for the IMF or the United Nations and that the nondefense disaster-related funding be offset. These Members also did yeomen work in protecting our Defense Department from any further cuts.

Our Nation has endured 14 straight years of inflation-adjusted cuts in defense spending. That is a 40 percent real decline in defense dollars, and it is beginning to hurt everywhere in our military.

Mr. Speaker, this is a fiscally responsible and much-needed measure before the House this afternoon; and I would urge all my colleagues to support the conference report and support this rule.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume, and I want to thank the chairman of the Committee on Rules (Mr. SOLOMON) for yielding me this time.

As the gentleman from New York has described, this is a rule that waives all points of order against the conference report on H.R. 3579. The report makes emergency appropriations for U.S. military operations in Bosnia, peace-keeping operations in Iraq, and domestic disaster relief. It also makes non-emergency appropriations.

The conference agreement contains many improvements from the House bill. In particular, I am pleased that the conferees dropped a provision which would have shut down the AmeriCorps program.

However, the bill actually deepens the cuts in the reserves for the Section 8 program, which helps make housing affordable to low-income people and the elderly. Once again, we are reducing aid to the people who can least protect themselves from these cuts.

The bill fails to include funding for the International Monetary Fund. I believe that we should fund the IMF for humanitarian reasons because it will help bolster the economies of nations not as well off as we are. It is also in our Nation's self-interest to support the IMF to maintain international economic stability.

The emergency funding in this bill is desperately needed by our troops abroad. The emergency disaster assistance is also important. However, we do not have to make these cuts in programs to help the poor and needy.

The Committee on Rules reported this bill on a recorded vote with all Democrats opposed.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. ROHRABACHER).

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this supplemental.

Thanks to the diligent efforts of the appropriators, this bill now includes a provision that continues to throw money at one of this administration's better-known foreign policy fiascoes, our partnership with Russia to build the International Space Station.

I am chairman of the Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics that oversees this effort, and that provision that we are talking about was not in either House or Senate bill but was inserted over the strong objection of the Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics and the Committee on Science chairman, the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. SENSENBRENNER).

This bill contains and continues to give money to pay for Russia's failures; and by covering up those failures, the President and the Vice President can continue to pretend that everything is fine in this grand partnership with Boris Yeltsin. In other words, this bill spends tens of millions of dollars to hide the administration's mistakes.

The space station is now estimated to be \$7 billion over budget and another 2 to 4 years late. NASA's own independent analysts suggest that Russia's defaults are the biggest problem. The Committee on Science has worked on a bipartisan basis to get the administration to focus on this problem. Instead, the administration keeps dancing away from the tough decisions, and now the appropriators are letting them off the hook by giving them this extra money.

Specifically, this supplemental provides \$63 million in directed transfer, totaling \$90 million in Band-aids for a patient that needs surgery. We need to focus on these problems with Russia or they will continue to drain money and continue to bring the space station down. That is not what this supplemental does.